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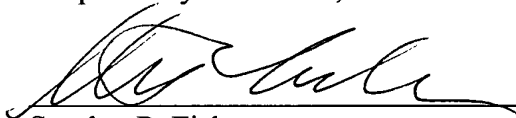
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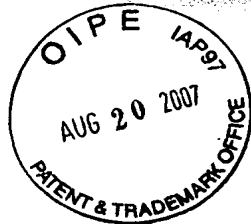
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Application Number: 10/773,437)	
Filed: February 9, 2004)	Examiner Tan X. Dinh
FOR: OPTICAL RECORDING METHOD USING)	
MULTIPLEXER AND PLURAL PIECES OF)	
DATA BITS (AS AMENDED))	
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 25, 2007, the period of response to which is set to expire on August 25, 2007. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: